

MODIFIED PTO/SB/08 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANTDate Submitted: March 19, 2004

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/644,550
Filing Date	August 21, 2003
First Named Inventor	Gil M. VARDI et al.
Group Art Unit	3731
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Attorney Docket Number	021617.0253PTUS

Sheet 1 of 12

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

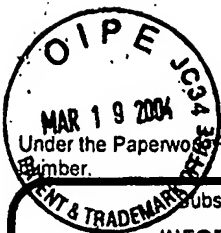
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)			
JIC		1,596,754		J.D. MOSCHELLE	08/17/1928	
		3,657,744		ERSEK	04/25/1972	
		3,872,893		ROBERTS	03/25/1975	
		4,140,128		CHOUDHURY	02/20/1979	
		4,309,994		GRUNWALD	01/12/1982	
		4,410,476		REDDING et al.	10/18/1983	
		4,413,989		SCHJELDAHL	11/08/1983	
		4,421,810		RASMUSSEN	12/20/1983	
		4,453,545		INOUE	06/12/1984	
		4,503,569		DOTTER	03/12/1985	
		4,552,554		GOULD et al.	11/12/1985	
		4,681,570		DALTON	07/21/1987	
		4,689,174		LUPKE	08/25/1987	
		4,731,055		MELINYSHYN et al.	03/15/1988	
		4,733,865		PALMAZ	03/29/1988	
		4,739,762		PALMAZ	04/26/1988	
		4,759,748		REED	07/26/1988	
		4,762,128		ROSENBLUTH	12/22/1988	
		4,789,029		PATEL	09/06/1988	
		4,819,684		NAZARI	04/11/1989	
		4,872,874		TAHERI	10/10/1989	
		4,878,495		GRAYZEL	11/07/1989	
		4,896,670		CRITTENDEN	01/30/1990	
		4,900,314		QUACKENBUSH	02/13/1990	
		4,908,244		PINCHUK et al.	03/06/1990	
		4,909,258		KUNTZ et al.	03/20/1990	
		4,957,501		LAHILLE et al.	09/18/1990	
		4,957,508		KANEKO et al.	09/18/1990	
		4,964,850		BOUTON et al.	10/23/1990	
		4,983,167		SAHOTA	01/08/1991	
		4,994,071		MACGREGOR	02/19/1991	
		5,042,976		ISHITSU et al.	08/27/1991	
		5,054,501		CHUTTANI et al.	10/08/1991	
		5,059,177		TOWNE et al.	10/22/1991	
		5,061,240		CHERIAN	10/29/1991	
		5,064,435		PORTER	11/12/1991	
		5,102,403		ALT	04/07/1992	
✓		5,102,417		PALMAZ	04/07/1992	

Examiner
SignatureDate
Considered1/31/06

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.



MODIFIED PTO/SB/08 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**Date Submitted: March 19, 2004

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/644,550
Filing Date	August 21, 2003
First Named Inventor	Gil M. VARDI et al.
Group Art Unit	3731
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Attorney Docket Number	021617.0253PTUS

Sheet 2 of 12**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

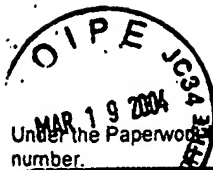
U.S. Patent Document				
5,104,404	WOLFF	04/14/1992		
5,117,831	JANG	06/02/1992		
5,122,125	DEUSS	06/18/1992		
5,135,536	HILLSTEAD	08/04/1992		
5,147,317	SHANK et al.	09/15/1992		
5,159,920	CONDON ET AL.	11/03/1992		
5,176,617	FISCHELL et al.	01/05/1993		
5,192,297	HULL	03/09/1993		
5,217,440	FRASSICA	06/08/1993		
5,254,619	BURNHAM	09/14/1993		
5,257,974	COX	11/02/1993		
5,263,932	JANG	11/23/1993		
5,282,472	COMPANION et al.	02/01/1994		
5,304,220	MAGINOT	04/19/1994		
5,320,605	SAHOTA	06/14/1994		
5,324,257	OSBORNE et al.	06/28/1994		
5,337,733	BAUERFEIND et al.	08/16/1994		
5,338,300	COX	08/16/1994		
5,342,295	IMRAN	08/30/1994		
5,342,297	JANG	08/30/1994		
5,350,395	YOCK	09/27/1994		
5,383,892	CARDON ANSEL et al.	01/24/1995		
5,387,235	CHUTER	02/07/1995		
5,395,332	RESSEMANN et al.	03/07/1995		
5,395,334	KEITH et al.	03/07/1995		
5,404,887	PRATHER	04/11/1995		
5,409,458	KHAIRKHAHAN et al.	04/25/1995		
5,413,581	GOY	05/09/1995		
5,413,586	DIBIE et al.	05/09/1995		
5,417,208	WINKLER	05/23/1995		
5,437,638	BOWMAN	08/01/1995		
5,443,497	VENBRUX	08/22/1995		
5,445,824	JIMINEZ	08/29/1995		
5,449,373	PINCHASIK et al.	09/12/1995		
5,449,382	DAYTON	09/12/1995		
5,456,694	MARIN et al.	10/10/1995		
5,456,712	MAGINOT	10/10/1995		
5,456,714	OWEN	10/10/1995		
5,458,605	KLEMM	10/17/1995		
5,462,530	G. DAVID JANG	10/31/1995		

Examiner
SignatureDate
Considered1/31/06

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.



 MAR 19 2004

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

MODIFIED PTO/SB/08 (08-00)
 Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

SUBSTITUTE for form 1449B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Date Submitted: <u>March 19, 2004</u> (use as many sheets as necessary)			Complete if Known	
Application Number			10/644,550	
Filing Date			August 21, 2003	
First Named Inventor			Gil M. VARDI et al.	
Group Art Unit			3731	
Examiner Name			Not Yet Assigned	
Attorney Docket Number			021617.0253PTUS	
Sheet	3	of	12	

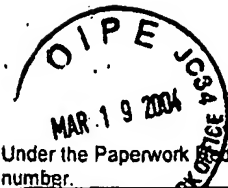
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
	U.S. Patent Document				
	5,489,271	ANDERSON	02/08/1996		
	5,489,295	PIPLANI et al.	02/08/1996		
	5,496,292	BURNHAM	03/05/1996		
	5,505,702	ARNEY	04/09/1996		
	5,507,768	LAU	04/16/1996		
	5,507,769	MARIN et al.	04/16/1996		
	5,514,154	LAU et al.	05/07/1996		
	5,522,801	WANG	06/04/1996		
	5,531,788	DIBIE et al.	07/02/1996		
	5,545,132	FAGAN et al.	08/13/1996		
	5,549,553	RESSEMANN et al.	08/27/1996		
	5,549,554	MIRAKI	08/27/1996		
	5,562,620	KLEIN et al.	10/08/1996		
	5,562,724	VORWERK et al.	10/08/1996		
	5,562,725	SCHMITT et al.	10/08/1996		
	5,569,295	LAM	10/29/1996		
	5,571,087	RESSEMANN et al.	11/05/1996		
	5,575,771	WALINSKY	11/19/1996		
	5,575,818	PINCHUK	11/19/1996		
	5,591,228	EDOGA	01/07/1997		
	5,593,442	KLEIN	01/14/1997		
	5,607,444	LAM	03/04/1997		
	5,609,825	PIPLANI et al.	03/11/1997		
	5,609,627	GOICOECHEA et al.	03/11/1997		
	5,609,629	FEARNOT et al.	03/11/1997		
	5,613,949	MIRAKI	03/25/1997		
	5,613,980	CHAUHAN	03/25/1997		
	5,613,981	BOYLE et al.	03/25/1997		
	5,617,878	TAHERI	04/08/1997		
	5,626,600	HORZEWSKI et al.	05/06/1997		
	5,628,788	PINCHUK	05/13/1997		
	5,632,762	MYLER	05/27/1997		
	5,632,763	GLASTRA	05/27/1997		
	5,632,772	ALCIME et al.	05/27/1997		
	5,634,902	JOHNSON et al.	06/03/1997		
	5,639,278	DEREUME et al.	06/17/1997		
	5,643,340	NUNOKAWA	07/01/1997		
	5,653,743	MARTIN	08/05/1997		
	5,662,614	EDOGA	09/02/1997		

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	11/31/06
--------------------	---	-----------------	----------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

MODIFIED PTO/SB/08 (08-00)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Substitute for form 1449B/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

Date Submitted: March 19, 2004

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/644,550
Filing Date	August 21, 2003
First Named Inventor	Gil M. VARDI et al.
Group Art Unit	3731
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Attorney Docket Number	021617.0253PTUS

Sheet 4 of 12

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

U.S. Patent Document			
5,669,924	SHAKNOVICH	09/23/1997	
5,669,932	FISCHELL et al.	09/23/1997	
5,676,696	MORCADE	10/14/1997	
5,676,697	McDONALD	10/14/1997	
5,679,400	TUCH	10/21/1997	
5,690,642	OSBORNE et al.	11/25/1997	
5,693,084	CHUTTER	12/02/1997	
5,693,086	GOICOECHEA et al.	12/02/1997	
5,697,971	FISCHELL et al.	12/16/1997	
5,707,354	SALMON	01/13/1998	
5,709,713	EVANS et al.	01/20/1998	
5,716,365	GOICOECHEA et al.	02/10/1998	
5,718,683	RESSEMAN et al.	02/17/1998	
5,718,724	GOICOECHEA et al.	02/17/1998	
5,720,735	DORROS	02/24/1998	
5,723,004	DEREUME et al.	03/03/1998	
5,724,977	YOCK ET AL.	03/10/1998	
5,728,158	LAU et al.	03/17/1998	
5,733,303	ISRAEL et al.	03/31/1998	
5,735,893	LAU et al.	04/07/1998	
5,746,768	EDOGA	05/05/1998	
5,749,825	FISCHELL et al.	05/12/1998	
5,749,848	JANG et al.	05/12/1998	
5,755,734	RICHTER et al.	05/26/1998	
5,755,735	RICHTER et al.	05/26/1998	
5,755,770	RAVENS CROFT	05/26/1998	
5,755,771	PENN et al.	05/26/1998	
5,755,778	KLESHINSKI	05/26/1998	
5,762,631	KLEIN	06/09/1998	
5,776,101	GOY	07/07/1998	
5,776,161	GLOBERMAN	07/07/1998	
5,776,180	GOICOECHEA et al.	07/07/1998	
5,800,450	LARY et al.	09/01/1998	
5,800,508	GOICOECHEA et al.	09/01/1998	
5,814,061	OSBORNE et al.	09/29/1998	
5,817,126	IMRAN	10/06/1998	
5,824,008	BOLDUC et al.	10/20/1998	
5,824,036	LAUTERJUNG	10/20/1998	
5,824,040	COX et al.	10/20/1998	
5,824,044	QUIACHON et al.	10/20/1998	

Examiner
Signature

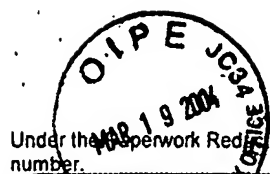
Date
Considered

1/31/06

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

MODIFIED PTO/SB/08 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO
**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

Date Submitted: March 19, 2004

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/644,550
Filing Date	August 21, 2003
First Named Inventor	Gil M. VARDI et al.
Group Art Unit	3731
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Attorney Docket Number	021617.0253PTUS

Sheet 5 of 12

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

U.S. Patent Document			
5,827,320	RICHTER et al.	10/27/1998	
5,833,650	IMRAN	11/10/1998	
5,836,966	ST. GERMAIN	11/17/1998	
5,837,008	BERG et al.	11/17/1998	
5,843,031	HERMANN et al.	12/01/1998	
5,843,160	RHODES	12/01/1998	
5,843,164	FRANTZEN et al.	12/01/1998	
5,846,204	SOLOMON	12/08/1998	
5,851,210	TOROSSIAN	12/22/1998	
5,851,464	DAVILA et al.	12/22/1998	
5,855,600	ALT	01/05/1999	
5,855,601	BESSLER et al.	01/05/1999	
5,865,178	YOCK	02/02/1999	
5,868,777	LAM	02/09/1999	
5,871,537	HOLMAN et al.	02/16/1999	
5,891,133	MURPHY-CHUTORIAN	04/06/1999	
5,897,588	HULL et al.	04/27/1999	
5,906,840	PENN et al.	05/25/1999	
5,907,893	ZADNO-AZIZI et al.	06/01/1999	
5,913,895	BURPEE et al.	06/22/1999	
5,913,897	CORSO, JR et al.	06/22/1999	
5,921,958	RESSEMANN et al.	07/13/1999	
5,922,020	KLEIN et al.	07/13/1999	
5,928,248	ACKER	07/27/1999	
5,938,682	HOJEIBANE	08/17/1999	
5,938,696	GOICOECHEA et al.	08/17/1999	
5,948,016	JANG	09/07/1999	
5,951,599	McCRORY	09/14/1999	
5,961,548	SHMULEWITZ	10/05/1999	
5,967,986	CIMOCHOWSKI et al.	10/19/1999	
5,972,018	ISRAEL et al.	10/26/1999	
6,007,517	ANDERSON	12/28/1999	
6,013,054	JUIN YAN	01/11/2000	
6,013,091	LEY et al.	01/11/2000	
6,017,363	HOJEIBANE	01/25/2000	
6,030,414	TAHERI	02/29/2000	

Examiner
Signature

[Handwritten Signature]

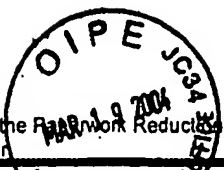
Date
Considered

1/31/06

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

MODIFIED PTO/SB/08 (08-00)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Date Submitted: <u>March 19, 2004</u> (use as many sheets as necessary)		Complete if Known	
		Application Number	10/644,550
		Filing Date	August 21, 2003
		First Named Inventor	Gil M. VARDI et al.
		Group Art Unit	3731
		Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Sheet	6 of 12	Attorney Docket Number	021617.0253PTUS

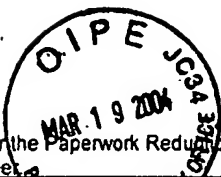
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
	U.S. Patent Document				
<i>MC</i>	6,033,434	BORCHI	03/07/2000		
	6,033,435	PENN et al.	03/07/2000		
	6,036,682	LANGE et al.	03/14/2000		
	6,039,749	MARIN et al.	03/21/2000		
	6,042,597	KVEEN et al.	03/28/2000		
	6,045,557	WHITE et al.	04/04/2000		
	6,048,361	VON OEPEN	04/11/2000		
	6,056,775	BORCHI et al.	05/02/2000		
	6,059,823	HOLMAN et al.	05/09/2000		
	6,059,824	TAHERI	05/09/2000		
	6,066,168	LAU et al.	05/23/2000		
	6,068,655	SEQUIN et al.	05/30/2000		
	6,071,285	LASHINSKI et al.	06/06/2000		
	6,086,611	DUFFY et al.	07/11/2000		
	6,090,127	GLOBERMAN	07/18/2000		
	6,090,128	DOUGLAS	07/18/2000		
	6,096,073	WEBSTER et al.	08/01/2000		
	6,099,497	ADAMS et al.	08/08/2000		
	6,117,117	MAUCH	09/12/2000		
	6,117,156	RICHTER et al.	09/12/2000		
	6,129,738	LASHINSKI et al.	10/10/2000		
	6,129,754	KANESAKA et al.	10/10/2000		
	6,142,973	CARLETON et al.	11/07/2000		
	6,152,945	BACHINSKI et al.	11/28/2000		
	6,165,195	WILSON et al.	12/28/2000		
	6,165,197	YOCK	12/28/2000		
	6,179,867	COX	01/30/2001		
	6,183,509	DIBIE	02/06/2001		
	6,190,403	FISCHELL et al.	02/20/2001		
	6,203,569	WIJAY	03/20/2001		
	6,210,380	MAUCH	04/03/2001		
	6,210,429	VARDI	04/03/2001		
	6,217,527	SELMON et al.	04/17/2001		
	6,217,608	PENN et al.	04/17/2001		
	6,221,080	POWER	04/24/2001		
	6,221,090	WILSON	04/24/2001		
<i>✓</i>	6,221,098	WILSON et al.	04/24/2001		

Examiner Signature	<i>Therese Thompson</i>	Date Considered	1/31/06
--------------------	-------------------------	-----------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citations in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

MODIFIED PTO/SB/08 (08-00)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submittal for form 1449B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Date Submitted: <u>March 19, 2004</u> (use as many sheets as necessary)		Complete if Known	
		Application Number	10/644,550
Sheet	7	of	12
		Filing Date	August 21, 2003
		First Named Inventor	Gil M. VARDI et al.
		Group Art Unit	3731
		Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
		Attorney Docket Number	021617.0253PTUS

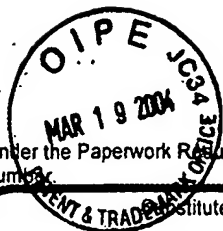
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
	U.S. Patent Document				
MC	6,231,583	WHITE et al.	05/15/2001		
	6,231,598	BERRY et al.	05/15/2001		
	6,231,600	ZHONG	05/15/2001		
	6,235,051	MURPHY	05/22/2001		
	6,241,762	SHANLEY	06/05/2001		
	6,258,073	MAUCH	07/10/2001		
	6,258,099	MAREIRO et al.	07/10/2001		
	6,258,116	HOJEIBANE	07/10/2001		
	6,258,121	YANG et al.	07/10/2001		
	6,261,273	RUIZ	07/17/2001		
	6,261,305	MAROTTA et al.	07/17/2001		
	6,261,319	KVEEN et al.	07/17/2001		
	6,264,682	WILSON et al.	07/24/2001		
	6,273,911	COX et al.	08/14/2001		
	6,273,913	WRIGHT ET AL.	08/14/2001		
	6,287,314	LEE et al.	09/11/2001		
	6,290,673	SHANLEY	09/18/2001		
	6,293,967	SHANLEY	09/25/2001		
	6,299,834	BERGERON	10/09/2001		
	6,302,806	GOICOECHEA et al.	10/16/2001		
	6,309,412	LAU et al.	10/30/2001		
	6,309,414	ROLANDO et al.	10/30/2001		
	6,312,459	HUANG et al.	11/08/2001		
	6,325,821	GASCHINO et al.	12/04/2001		
	6,325,826	VARDI ET AL.	12/04/2001		
	6,334,870	EHR HER et al.	01/01/2002		
	6,346,089	DIBIE	02/12/2002		
	6,361,544	WILSON et al.	03/26/2002		
	6,361,555	WILSON	03/26/2002		
	6,383,215	SASS	05/07/2002		
	6,387,120	WILSON et al.	05/14/2002		
	6,395,018	CASTANEDA	05/28/2002		
	6,398,792	O'CONNOR	06/04/2002		
	6,398,804	SPIELBERG	06/04/2002		
	6,428,570	GLOBERMAN	08/06/2002		
	6,432,133	LAU et al.	08/13/2002		
	6,436,104	HOJEIBANE	08/20/2002		
	6,438,134	RICHTER et al.	08/20/2002		
	6,478,816	KVEEN et al.	11/12/2002		
	6,482,211	CHOI	11/19/2002		

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	1/31/06
--------------------	--	-----------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

MODIFIED PTO/SB/08 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

Date Submitted: March 19, 2004

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/644,550
Filing Date	August 21, 2003
First Named Inventor	Gil M. VARDI et al.
Group Art Unit	3731
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Attorney Docket Number	021617.0253PTUS

Sheet 8 of 12

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

U.S. Patent Document				
6,485,511	LAU et al.	11/26/2002		
6,494,905	ZEDLER et al.	12/17/2002		
6,511,504	LAU et al.	01/28/2003		
6,511,505	COX et al.	01/28/2003		
6,520,988	COLOMBO et al.	02/18/2003		
6,527,799	SHANLEY	03/04/2003		
6,540,719	BIGUS et al.	04/01/2003		
6,572,647	SUPPER	06/03/2003		
6,579,309	LOOS et al.	06/17/2003		
6,579,312	WILSON et al.	06/17/2003		
6,582,394	REISS et al.	06/24/2003		
6,582,459	LAU et al.	06/24/2003		
6,596,022	LAU et al.	07/22/2003		
6,599,316	VARDI ET AL.	07/29/2003		
2001/0012927	MAUCH	08/09/2001		
2001/0016767	WILSON et al.	08/23/2001		
2001/0016768	WILSON et al.	08/23/2001		
2001/0027291	SHANLEY	10/04/2001		
2001/0027338	GREENBERG	10/04/2001		
2001/0029396	WILSON et al.	10/11/2001		
2001/0037116	WILSON et al.	11/01/2001		
2001/0037138	WILSON et al.	11/01/2001		
2001/0037146	LAU et al.	11/01/2001		
2001/0037147	LAU et al.	11/01/2001		
2001/0039395	MAREIRO et al.	11/08/2001		
2001/0039448	DIBIE	11/08/2001		
2001/0047201	COX et al.	11/29/2001		
2001/0049552	RICHTER et al.	12/06/2001		
2001/0056297	HOJEIBANE	12/27/2001		
2002/0013618	MAROTTA et al.	01/31/2002		
2002/0013619	SHANLEY	01/31/2002		
2002/0022874	WILSON	02/21/2002		
2002/0026232	MAROTTA et al.	02/28/2002		
2002/0032478	BOCKSTEGERS et al.	03/14/2002		
2002/0035392	WILSON	03/21/2002		
2002/0042650	VARDI et al.	04/11/2002		
2002/0052648	MCGUCKIN et al.	05/02/2002		
2002/0058990	JANG	05/16/2002		
2002/0072790	MCGUCKIN et al.	06/13/2002		
2002/0107564	COX et al.	08/08/2002		

Examiner
Signature

[Handwritten Signature]

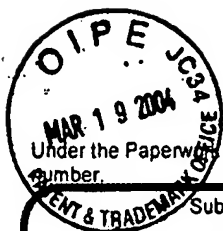
Date
Considered

1/31/06

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 18 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

MODIFIED PTO/SB/08 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

Date Submitted: March 19, 2004

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/644,550
Filing Date	August 21, 2003
First Named Inventor	Gil M. VARDI et al.
Group Art Unit	3731
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Attorney Docket Number	021617.0253PTUS

Sheet 9 of 12

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

U.S. Patent Document			
2002/0111675	WILSON	08/15/2002	
2002/0123790	WHITE et al.	09/05/2002	
2002/0123797	MAJERCAK	09/05/2002	
2002/0123798	BURGERMEISTER	09/05/2002	
2002/0151959	VON OEPEN	10/17/2002	
2002/0156516	VARDI et al.	10/24/2002	
2002/0156517	PEROUSE	10/24/2002	
2002/0165604	SHANLEY	11/07/2002	
2002/0173835	BOURANG et al.	11/21/2002	
2002/0173840	BRUCKER et al.	11/21/2002	
2002/0177892	GLOBERMAN	11/28/2002	
2002/0183763	CALLOL et al.	12/05/2002	
2002/0193872	TROUT et al.	12/19/2002	
2002/0193873	BRUCKER et al.	12/19/2002	
2003/0004535	MUSBACH et al.	01/02/2003	
2003/0009209	HOJEIBANE	01/09/2003	
2003/0009214	SHANLEY	01/09/2003	
2003/0014102	HONG et al.	01/16/2003	
2003/0023301	COX et al.	01/30/2003	
2003/0050688	FISCHELL et al.	03/13/2003	
2003/0074047	RICHTER	04/17/2003	
2003/0093109	MAUCH	05/15/2003	
2003/0114912	SEQUIN et al.	06/19/2003	
2003/0114915	MAREIRO et al.	06/19/2003	
2003/0125791	SEQUIN et al.	07/03/2003	
2003/0125799	LIMON et al.	07/03/2003	
2003/0125802	CALLOL et al.	07/03/2003	
2004/0015227	VARDI et al.	01/22/2004	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Documents	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁵
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
UC		CA	2,318,314			07/22/1998		
UC		DE	29701758			05/07/1997		
UC		EP	884922			11/24/1995		
UC		EP	804907			05/05/1997		

Examiner Signature

Gil M. Vardi

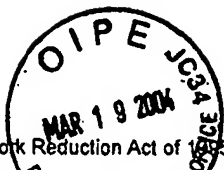
Date Considered

1/31/06

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.



MODIFIED PTO/SB/08 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1498/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**Date Submitted: March 19, 2004

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/644,550
Filing Date	August 21, 2003
First Named Inventor	Gil M. VARDI et al.
Group Art Unit	3731
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Attorney Docket Number	021617.0253PTUS

Sheet 10 of 12**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Documents	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
UC			EP 876805			11/11/1998		
			EP 884028			12/15/1998		
			EP 891761			01/20/1999		
UC			EP 897098			02/24/1999		
			EP 897700			02/24/1999		
			EP 904745			03/31/1999		
UC			EP 1031328			08/30/2000		
			EP 1031330			08/30/2000		
			FR 2678508			01/08/1993		
UC			WO 00/00104			01/06/2000		
			WO 00/12166			03/09/2000		
			WO 00/13613			03/16/2000		
UC			WO 00/53122			09/14/2000		
			WO 00/74506			12/14/2000		
			WO 01/21895			03/20/2001		
UC			WO 01/21488			03/29/2001		
			WO 01/21244			03/29/2001		
			WO 01/70280			09/27/2001		
UC			WO 02/68812			09/06/2002		
			WO 02/76333			10/03/2002		
			WO 02/84336			11/28/2002		
UC			WO 03/55414			07/10/2003		
			WO 88/06028			08/25/1988		
			WO 90/13333			11/15/1990		
UC			WO 91/12779			09/06/1991		
			WO 92/19308			11/12/1992		
			WO 95/21592			08/17/1995		
UC			WO 96/41592			12/27/1996		
			WO 97/00946			03/20/1997		
			WO 97/16217			05/09/1997		
UC			WO 97/26936			07/31/1997		
			WO 97/33532			09/18/1997		
			WO 97/41809			11/13/1997		
UC			WO 97/45073			12/04/1997		
			WO 98/17204			04/30/1998		
			WO 98/19628			05/14/1998		
UC			WO 98/35634			08/20/1998		
			WO 98/36709			08/27/1998		
			WO 98/37833			09/03/1998		
UC			WO 98/44871			10/15/1998		
			WO 98/48733			11/05/1998		
			WO 98/52497			11/26/1998		
UC			WO 99/15103			04/01/1999		
			WO 99/17680			04/15/1999		
			WO 99/34748			07/15/1999		
UC			WO 99/36802			07/22/1999		
			WO 99/39661			08/12/1999		
			WO 99/56866			11/18/1999		

Examiner Signature

Date Considered

1/31/06

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

MODIFIED PTO/SB/08 (08-00)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for form 1449/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Date Submitted: <u>March 19, 2004</u> (use as many sheets as necessary)			Complete if Known		
			Application Number	10/644,550	
Sheet	11	of	12	Filing Date	August 21, 2003
			First Named Inventor	Gil M. VARDI et al.	
			Group Art Unit	3731	
			Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned	
			Attorney Docket Number	021617.0253PTUS	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)		
			WO 99/65419		12/23/1999	

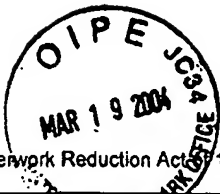
NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ⁶
UC		Serruys et al., <i>The New England Journal of Medicine</i> , Vol. 331, No. 8, pp. 489-495 (1994).	
		Fischmann et al., <i>The New England Journal of Medicine</i> , Vol. 331, No. 8, pp. 496-501 (1994).	
		Nakamura et al., <i>Catheterization & Cardiovascular Diagnosis</i> 34-353-361 (1995)	
		Caputo et al., <i>The American Journal of Cardiology</i> , Vol. 7, pages 1226-1230 (1996)	
		Colombo et al., <i>Catheterization and Cardiovascular Diagnosis</i> , Vol. 30, pages 327-330 (1993)	
		Carrie et al., <i>Catheterization and Cardiovascular Diagnosis</i> , Vol. 37, pages 311-313 (1996)	
		Katoh et al., <i>Catheterization and Cardiovascular Diagnosis</i> , Vol. 40, pages 400-402 (1997)	
		SCIMED Life Systems, Inc. - TRIO™ 14 PTCA Catheter, Re-engineering Over-the-Wire Balloon Technology, Company Brochure, ©1994.	
Y		Lewis et al., <i>American Heart Journal</i> , Vol. 127, pages 1600-1607 (1994)	
		Dichek, D.A. et al., <i>Circulation</i> , 80: 1347-1353 (1989)	

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	1/31/06
--------------------	--	-----------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.



MODIFIED PTO/SB/08 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substantive Form 1449B/PTO		Complete if Known			
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Date Submitted: <u>March 19, 2004</u> (use as many sheets as necessary)		Application Number	10/644,550		
		Filing Date	August 21, 2003		
		First Named Inventor	Gil M. VARDI et al.		
		Group Art Unit	3731		
		Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned		
Sheet	12	of	12	Attorney Docket Number	021617.0253PTUS

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ⁶
		Chevalier, B. et al.; <i>American Journal of Cardiology</i> , 82: 943-949 (1998)	
		Yamashita, T. et al.; <i>Journal of American College of Cardiology</i> , 35: 1145-1151 (2000)	
		Satler, S., et al.; <i>Catheterization and Cardiovascular Interventions</i> , 50: 411-412 (2000)	

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	1/31/06
-----------------------	--	--------------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered; whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO			Complete if Known		
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Date Submitted: <u>April 13, 2004</u> (use as many sheets as necessary)			Application Number	10/644,550	
			Filing Date	August 21, 2003	
			First Named Inventor	Gil M. VARDI et al.	
			Group Art Unit	3731	
			Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned	
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	021617.0253PTUS



U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)			
<i>MC</i>		6,540,779		RICHTER et al.	04/01/2003	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Documents	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ⁶

Examiner Signature	<i>Thomas H. Thompson</i>	Date Considered	1/31/06
--------------------	---------------------------	-----------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.